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HONGKONG, 30th MAY, 1904

With some of the remarks of the *Singapore Free Press* recently on the question of the Kowloon-Canton Railway we are most thoroughly in accord. We do not know much about the Crown Agents in this particular, and do not yearn to know anything by experience. If the British Imperial Government, or the Colonial Government, by permission of Downing Street, undertook to make the railway they would no doubt call for tenders and not resort to the Crown Agents, who fulfil a useful office in their way, of course, but should not be made intermediaries in such a matter as the construction of a State railway. But with the following sentences from our Straits contemporary our readers will, we are sure, agree:—"Sir MATTHEW NATHAN is not only a high authority on defence, but as a Royal Engineer, as having served in the Sudan, and governed the Gold Coast, he knows well the value of improving 'rapid communication with the great back country of China. Let Hongkong take a leaf out of the book of Russia through 'railway policy, and at any cost see the 'line constructed out of hand—a double 'line, too, to begin with. If the harvest is to be reaped, there should not be a 'moment lost in getting the seed put into 'the ground.' No time should be lost indeed, but for other and still stronger reasons than those named above. Five and a half years have already been lost, and with it a large slice of the prestige Great Britain enjoyed in the Far East formerly as being foremost in every great work and enterprise. Not only so, but her great commercial outpost in Eastern Asia is daily running the risk of finding a rival in the China seas wherein she

has been for more than half a century pre-eminent as the distributing centre for the trade of South China.

It is to be hoped that the efforts being made by the local branch of the China Association and by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce will bear good fruit before long. We want to see the reproach wiped off British enterprise that it is a laggard in the race for concessions for railways; we want to see railways in China which have been constructed by British capital and built with British materials. We want above all things to see the New Territory opened up to trade, and communication by rail between Kowloon and Canton established, and from thence to Hankow and Peking. We want to see Kowloon constituted at once and effectively the seaward terminus of China's great main railway, which will traverse it from the capital to the City of Rams, and thence to the sea. It is especially ours to see that the final section is constructed by British capital and laid by British engineers, and that the work does not drift out of our hands. Other nations are not only eager to secure concessions for making railways in China, but also swift to carry them into effect. The Russians, the Germans, the Belgians, the French, and the Americans are all engaged in the work, and other concessions are being applied for. Only the other day we announced that a railway was being projected from Macao to Canton, and that Chinese capital was freely forthcoming for the enterprise. We now learn that a concession has been applied for, or granted—we are not sure which—to lay a railway from the city of Chuenchow-fu to Swatow, thirty-five miles in length, a line that cannot well fail to pay, for the traffic is great between the two places. This line should, by good rights, have been placed in British hands, for British interests greatly predominate at Swatow, but we believe it is in the possession of some foreign syndicate. No one can blame other Powers if they are more enterprising and secure the prize first, but it is to be deplored that Great Britain, which was the pioneer in opening up China to foreign trade, and which has always possessed so preponderant a share of that trade, should allow herself to be left so hopelessly in the rear in the matter of railway enterprise. The marvel is that foreign capital and enterprise have not been allowed to construct the railways in the city of Victoria. It took twenty years to talk about them, but they have at last been laid, and laid so long before being brought into use that the track is being worn away before the cars commence running.

The Futsan-Samsui section of the Canton Railway is to be opened on Wednesday next, the 1st prox.

It will be seen from our advertisement columns that it has been decided to close the local Russo-Japanese War Fund on Saturday next.

One Chinese gunboat still remains at Macao. The extradition proceedings which have been taken against the ex-Magistrate of Namhoi are still proceeding.

Four more fatal Chinese plague cases were reported on Saturday. One body was found in Des Vœux Road and another on the foreshore at Laichikok.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the name of Mr. G. A. Watkins has been added to the list of persons exempted from the operations of the Poisons Byelaws.

It is said that a lot of American excursionists are to be taken to places near the war, including Cheloo. A little further north and west, we suppose, stray mines will add excitement to the trip.

The United States Consul at Newchwang has been raised to Consul-General and acknowledged as such by the Chinese Government. Mr. Morgan, U.S. Consul at Dally, has reached Nagasaki on his way to his post.

On the 21st inst. the Shanghai Cricket Club defeated the Navy by 60 runs on the first innings. The Naval team included Commander Watson, Messrs. Horsey, Irwin, Bisset, de Paris, and Capt. Harris. On the 23rd the Navy's Rugby team beat Shanghai by 1 goal 4 tries to nil.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. E. S. Bragg, U.S. Consul-General, has been recognised as in charge of the interests of the Republic of Panama in Hongkong, pending other arrangements; and that the King's exequatur empowering Mr. A. Haupt to act as Danish Consul has received His Majesty's signature.

Yesterday Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. left their old premises in d'Aguilar Street and 'fitted' over to Alexandra Buildings, where to-day they will start business. The staff had a busy time in transferring their goods from one house to the other. In the evening the workers were entertained to dinner by the firm in the Hongkong Hotel.

It is reported from the North, says the *N.C. Daily News*, that there is great panic amongst the people still left in the city and environs of Moukden, owing to a rumour spread by the Russians there that the moment the Japanese forces come near Liaoyang the Russians intend to set fire both to that city and to Moukden and then retreat to Harbin. In consequence of this all who are able to leave Moukden are doing so to seek safety elsewhere.

The *Odeutsche Lloyd* publishes the following, dated Peking, 21st May:—The report that the German Minister has consulted the Wai-wan with a view to the placing of guard troops on the Shantung railway, is a pure invention. As the Chinese intend to fully protect the railway themselves, which they have done also in the past to the fullest satisfaction of all concerned there was no reason why the German Minister should consult in this matter the Chinese Government at all.

An American paper has the following telegram dated from Moukden, the 23rd April:—"The British authorities at Hongkong and Singapore are stopping the circulation of the *Echo de Chine* newspaper because it is too Russophile. The *Singapore Straits Times* has, by order of the authorities, refused to publish Russian official dispatches." Another injustice to our French contemporary, and evidence of British small-mindedness, remarks the *N.C. Daily News*. It is really wonderful how they find these things out at Moukden.

The following is the programme of music to be performed by the band of the 11th Mahratta Light Infantry on the New Parade Ground from 5 to 6.30 p.m. to-day:—
March.....H.M.S. *Camperdown*.....Clode
Overture....."Caravalla".....Williams
Selection....."The Pirates of Penzance".....Goldrey
Valse....."Les Fleurs".....Delibes
Intermezzo....."The Moonlight".....Bogatti
Selection....."Stephen Adams' Popular Songs".....Hendley
"G. I. Save the King."

The following "rider" concerning alien immigration has been attached to a Bill recently passed by the U.S. Senate:—All Chinese and other aliens whose emigration is encouraged or induced by the agreement of any foreign Government or by any integral part thereof or by any foreign colony or dependency, directly or indirectly, with any transportation company, or who are brought to this United States as passengers by any transportation company having agreement with any foreign Government or any integral part thereof, or any foreign colony or dependency, which agreement binds said foreign Government to furnish a certain number of emigrants to such transportation company, or to make payments to such company or companies in case the agreed number of emigrants are not furnished or do not apply for passage, shall be excluded from admission to this United States.

According to a London telegram to an American paper, May Yohs has reappeared at the Hippodrome Music Hall in Brighton, and is singing her old songs, "Oh Honey, My Honey," and "Lazily, Drowsily," from *Little Christopher Columbus*, which was the rage in London ten years ago. "She retains some of the sweet notes of her voice and a good deal of her charm, but instead of being a slight graceful girl she now is a stately woman," says the message. "She is to appear soon in the syndicate halls of the West End of London at a salary of \$500 a week. Until they went to Brighton she and her husband, Major Putnam Bradlee Strong, of New York, could be seen in the dining-room every night at the Carlton. One evening Lord Francis Hope arrived on the scene with his new bride. The two parties saluted each other and smiled but did not speak."

Discussing the projected Canton-Macao Railway, the Hongkong correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* writes:—Personally I am sceptical on all counts, though a concession may have been negotiated, but between the granting of the concession and the construction sufficient time almost to forget the work often intervenes, and American capital is not, I notice, very readily forthcoming for investment in the Far East. At the same time there are some points in this Canton-Macao line. The route would present no serious engineering obstacles, and could be made in much less time than the Kowloon-Canton Railway. It therefore behoves the promoters of the latter line to brace up and carry out the terms of their valuable concession without any further timorous delay. If they are unable or fear to make the plunge, it will be necessary for the colony and the Imperial Government to take steps to get the concession cancelled, for it is now in its present condition a standing menace to Hongkong.

The *Times* correspondent with the Tibet Mission, commenting on the fight at Gura, says:—It was a short but terrible lesson. One may hope that it will have its effect upon the silliness of Lhasa, but there were too few Lamas engaged on their side to bring home to the great ruling monasteries of Tibet the danger of trifling with her southern neighbour when once the day of procrastination is past. An attempt was made to defend Gura itself two miles on, but this was quickly broken, and after establishing a garrison there General Macdonald returned to Tuna against a bitter wind and a gathering sky after having made every possible arrangement for the help of the wounded. Such is the brief account of an unparalleled engagement. It remains to be seen whether the lesson will have been learned. It is to be regretted that not one of the four leading Tibetans escaped to tell the tale at home. But the 200 first taken and disarmed will be able to testify to the good faith and treatment which they received at our hands, and it will be difficult to get the country people to meet us in fight again. Indeed, some of them openly rejoiced in their freedom now that the Gaden Lama was dead.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT]

HOME DEFENCE.

CONSCRIPTION RECOMMENDED FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

London, 27th May, 4.50 p.m.
A Royal Commission recommends raising by conscription a force estimated at 350,000 men for home defence.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.—EVENTS AT PORT ARTHUR.

London, 27th May.
Port Arthur reports on the 25th instant that another attempt was made to block the port by means of mines on the night of the 19th instant. It is believed that two Japanese torpedo-boats and a launch were sunk. Between the 18th and the 21st instant the Russians have removed eleven Japanese mines.

THE CAPTURE OF KINCHOW.

London, 27th May.
After five days' desperate fighting the Japanese have captured Kinchow.

PURCHASE OF A WARSHIP.

London, 27th May.
Reuter's Agency learns that a French gentleman has purchased a cruiser now completing in one of the large British yards.

RUSSIAN PURCHASE OF TROOPERS.

London, 27th May.
The Russian Government has recently bought in England a number of fast cargo vessels, adaptable for troopships.

THE RECENT DISTURBANCES IN WARSAW.

London, 26th May.
The *Standard* publishes the following from a well-informed Russian correspondent, undated:—"It is rumoured that after the recent disturbances in Warsaw, six hundred persons were hanged by an administrative order, without trials; there have been similar executions in Cronstadt; while in Moscow eighty coffins have been seen leaving the city at the dead of night escorted by troops." The correspondent gives the most gloomy account of the effects of the war in commercial and agricultural life, more-over forecasts indicate poor crops.

"IMAGINARY EX CUTIONS."

London, 27th May.
The executions at Warsaw and Moscow reported on the 26th instant are declared at S. Petersburg to be purely imaginary.

GREAT BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

London, 26th May.
The Hon. Charles Hardinge, in presenting his credentials to the Tsar, handed a private letter to His Russian Majesty from King Edward. He also expressed the desire of the letter to maintain the best possible relations between Great Britain and Russia.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH AGREEMENT.

London, 26th May.
A Yellow-book on the Anglo-French Agreement contains a letter from M. Delcassé to French representatives abroad. M. Delcassé, referring to Egypt, says that the safeguards for the financial interests of Frenchmen are strengthened by an undertaking not to convert or redeem their Egyptian bonds for several years.

BILLARDS.

EXHIBITION AT CLUB LUSITANO.

Mr. John Roberts, the ex-billiard champion, gave an exhibition at Club Lusitano on Saturday, playing two games.

The first game was played against Mr. U.M.P. Remedios, who was allowed 400 points in a game of 600 up. For the first eight or nine strokes play was fairly even. Roberts then made a break of 98. Remedios had at that time scored 30. Other good breaks by Roberts were 70, 89, 47, 46. Remedios, on the other hand, played well, scoring three breaks of 22, 21, and 19 respectively. Remedios won by 56 points.

The second game was played against Mr. J. A. Carvalho, a handicap of 400 being given. As before, Roberts seemed rather careless, not pressing his breaks as far as he might have. Carvalho scored well at the outset; he had 550 when Roberts was 500. Roberts's best breaks in this game were 70, 69, 46, and 47. Carvalho made breaks of 22, 16, and 14. Carvalho lost the game by ten points.

At the conclusion Mr. Roberts showed the attendance, close on a hundred in number, some smart tricks. He made cannons after sending his ball under a basket, circular cannons, and such like. The evening was a very pleasant one.

WAR NOTES.

JAPANESE OFFICIAL DESPATCHES.

On Saturday and yesterday Mr. M. Noma, Japanese Consul, courteously forwarded to us copies of the following official telegrams received by him:—

Tokyo, 27th May, 6.35 p.m.

The detailed report of the attack at Kinchow is as follows:—The enemy built several covered trenches around forts of Nanshan and offered a stubborn resistance under the strong defence works. Nevertheless, after several attempts we finally succeeded in taking the enemy's position by storm, driving the enemy towards Nankwanling. This severe fight continued sixteen hours.

Admiral Togo telegraphs that the captain commanding the detached fleet, consisting of four gunboats and the torpedo flotilla, reports by wireless telegraphy that the fleet reached Kinchow Bay, and co-operating with our army bombarded Nanshan on the 26th May, and upon witnessing our army occupy Nanshan forts withdrew. The captain of the *Chokai* was killed, and there were nine other casualties. Damage done to our ships was insignificant.

Tokyo, 28th May, 2.10 p.m.

The commander of our army attacking Kinchow reports that a detachment consisting of infantry, artillery, and engineers occupied Nankwanling on the morning of the 27th instant. The enemy was driven towards Port Arthur, burning the railway station at Sankushipao, north-west of Dally. On the 26th we captured fifty guns, besides many other things. The enemy left 400 dead. Our casualties are estimated at 3,000.

Tokyo, 28th May, 6.45 p.m.

The attack on the enemy at Nanshan commenced at 2.35 a.m. The enemy's defensive works were nearly of a permanent nature, their artillery consisting of 50 guns of various calibres and two quick-firing field artillery companies. The infantry, ranged in two or three lines of covered trenches with loopholes and machine-guns at important points, offered stubborn resistance. We ranged all our field-guns upon the forts. The enemy's principal artillery was silenced at 11 a.m., while the quick-firers, previously retired to Nankwanling, fired till night. Our artillery concentrated fire upon the enemy's trenches, our infantry advancing within 400 to 500 metres of the enemy, but we encountered mines, and trenches lay before us, and the enemy's infantry fire and machine-guns remained unabated. We approached 200 metres further towards the enemy, several charges still proving unsuccessful, our officers and men all falling when 20 or 30 metres from the enemy. Our artillery then prepared for firing, and in the evening, with the most severe cannonading, the last charge was made. With great difficulty we opened the breach through which we gained the whole height and expelled the enemy, capturing all their guns on the forts. The fortunate incident of this attack was the discovery of a mine, attached to a wire at the eastern foot of Nanshan. We cut the wire and explosion was prevented.

THE S.S. "HAINAN."

The following are excerpts from a letter from an official on the s.s. *Hainan*, the official despatch-carrier for the *Times*:—

S.S. *Hainan*, Weihaiwei, 17th May.

Dear —, No doubt you have heard rumours about the tribulations and vicissitudes of the *Hainan* and her crew: "Stormed at with shot and shell," "Russian prisoners," "Davey Jones's locker," etc., etc., which rumours all go to show the truth of King David's hasty statement that all men are liars; of course he meant nearly all. As I expected, we are having a very uneventful time. We saw the third bombardment of Port Arthur, but were too far off to get a really good idea of it; you probably know as much about what is going on as we do. The Japs allow us to enter Chemulpo and the Pingyang inlet, and we have been to Nagasaki twice, but our correspondents do not tell us much of what they hear ashore, perhaps because there is not much to tell.

We were stopped by a Russian cruiser off Port Arthur about six weeks ago. The *Yayua* was her name, and Admiral Makaroff himself was aboard. She very childishly trained all her guns on us and sent some officers and men aboard to enquire what was the wireless message we had just sent off.

It was as follows:—"We are about to be boarded by a Russian cruiser. If no further message is received from us within three hours inform Captain H.M.S. *Levintham*, Commissioner of Weihaiwei, and London *Times*." When the Russians were told what it was they dropped us like a hot potato and cleared out to Port Arthur, which was then about 35 miles off. They seemed to be very much afraid that the Japs would leave in sight; their manner was sulky and like that of men who expected to meet their end very soon. The Russian Navy has no great traditions, and seems very unlikely to make such in this war.

THE DESTRUCTION OF DALNY.

Discussing Vlady Alexieff's telegram, announcing that he had blown up the dock and the piers at Dally in order to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Japanese, the *Japan Mail* says:—"That is the plainest indication His Excellency could give that he abandons the hope of defending the place. In itself Dally has no great importance, for though the Russians have spent immense sums there, the ultimate attainment of the commercial object they had in contemplation had not yet become probable when the war broke out. But, politically th

less of Dally would be a very severe blow, inasmuch as the place may justly be called the capital of Russia's Manchurian acquisitions. Strategically, also, the fall of Dally would be of the utmost moment. If the Japanese obtain possession of Victoria Bay, they can effectively turn the Kinchow isthmus position, which is of enormous strength and might be held for an indefinite time against an army operating from the north alone. With Dally in their hands, however, the Japanese can land south of the isthmus, and will then be within 23 miles of Port Arthur. One imagines that Alexieff should strain every nerve to defend Dally, but here comes in the vital item of account, namely, that he has entirely lost command of the sea. Without ships it would be a tough job to hold Dally or to keep an enemy out of Talien Bay. So far as the Japanese are concerned, they too will have a tough job to clear out the passive obstructions that exist in the Bay. But, after all, that is merely a question of time and effort. Military obstacles have no serious efficacy except as means of holding troops under fire. The Japanese squadron on thoroughly covered any craft it sends in to "sweep out" Talien Bay. Probably the work is going on at present. From Alexieff's telegram we infer that he intends to rely on his last line of defence for holding Port Arthur, and that Dally and Kinchow isthmus will not be resolutely held.

TELEGRAMS TO SHANGHAI.

Tokyo, 21st May.—The latest news, reliable, is that the Russian cruiser *Bogatyr* was destroyed and sunk in a dense fog, probably almost simultaneously with the sinking of the *Kinchik Maru*.

Tokyo, 21st May.—It is officially announced that a flotilla of Japanese gunboats and destroyers approached Port Arthur at 1 a.m. on the 20th instant, and effected a reconnaissance in force in despite of a furious cross fire from the batteries. The flotilla left at dawn; no casualties reported.

Tokyo, 23rd May.—The second issue of Exchange Bonds was announced to-day. They are five per cent. bonds running for seven years, and the minimum issue price is 92. A *communiqué* issued *ad hoc* says that the estimated war expenditure to the end of the fiscal year from the beginning of hostilities is over forty-one million yen.

Tokyo, 23rd May.—Some Japanese officers and scouts encountered and exterminated ten Russian cavalrymen on the 21st inst. in the interior, north-west of Takushan. Another scouting party captured two cavalrymen and seven horses. The Japanese also captured on the 21st inst. a captain and a corporal who were attempting to reconnoitre the rear of the Japanese camp at Tauschanching.

Tokyo, 23rd May.—Reliable information has been received that the Russian soldiers are continually surrendering themselves, apparently to avoid fighting, notwithstanding the strictest instructions to the contrary issued by the Russian commanders. Japan's treatment of her prisoners is as tender as possible, and bears full testimony to her humanitarian principles. The prisoners already arrived profess themselves profoundly gratified at their treatment by the Japanese.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

CAPTAIN'S CUP FINAL.

In the final round of the annual Captain's Cup, on Saturday, Dr. Drew, R.N., beat Mr. T. C. Gray by 1 up.

At the end of the first round Dr. Drew was one up, and increased his lead till he was 3 up and 4 to play at the fifth. Gray then won the next 3 holes, so that it was all square and one to play. At the last hole Drew laid his opponent a "styria" and thus won by 1 up.

As this winner is leaving for home within a month, this victory is an excellent termination to his golfing days in Hongkong. Dr. Drew is a most persevering and energetic player and well deserves his success. The final styria was perhaps rather hard lines on Gray, but he will no doubt have other opportunities of distinguishing himself.

The scores for the 17 holes were:—Drew, 85; Gray, 86.

POLICE RECREATIONS.

On Saturday afternoon a very pleasant little function took place at the Central Police Station, when Mrs. Badley, the wife of Mr. E. J. Badley, Captain Superintendent of Police, presented the prizes won in various competitions in connection with the Hongkong Police Recreation Club. The shooting prizes were won by Inspector W. Robertson (1), Sergeant W. Pitt (2), Inspector W. Withers (3), and Sergeant John Grant (4). In the Central billiards competition Inspector A. C. Langley was first, P. C. Blown second, and P. C. Cooper third, while Sgt. Pitt won the prize for the highest break (43). In the Tsimshatsui billiards handicap, Inspector Withers took first honours, and the second place was secured by Sgt. Pitt. In the Tsimshatsui tournament at the Central P. C. Deveney won the first prize, with P. C. Clyde a good second; the doubles was won by Deveney and Pitt. In the Ladies' Nomination game the successful players were Deveney and Inspector Kerr, nominated respectively by Mrs. Robertson of Shaikwan and Mrs. Gerrard of Shuangshui. P. C. Deveney was the first prize-winner in the Tsimshatsui singles; Inspector Withers second. After the presentation of prizes by Mrs. Badley Mr. J. W. Hanson, the Chief Detective Inspector, presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and expressed the pleasure which the Police felt for her graciousness in attending the ceremony and so kindly handing over the prizes.

HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

A Manila newspaper has been trying to show that the Philippine capital is an excellent place to live in, and after reading its remarks one is inclined to wonder why people come up to Hongkong from Manila to recruit. Certainly the character given to this island by our present Medical Officer of Health in his just published report is not alluring. Dr. Pearce is speaking, of course, of Hongkong in the summer months. He is obliged to state that the condition of the atmosphere in the City of Victoria during these months is very depressing, owing to the humidity and heat combined. And further, the City's position on the north side of the Island and at the foot of the hills, cuts it off from the winds prevailing in the hot season, while the steep site, the narrow streets, the high buildings and heavy canals all tend to produce stagnation when ventilation is most desirable. Not a pleasant picture, but a true one. I fear, yet, if we judge by vital statistics, Hongkong is not an unhealthy city for the Far East. Apart from the bracing effects of the cold season, I am inclined to attribute the favourable health figures to two causes. The first is that the Chinese population is transitory to a great extent and does not stay here to die; and the second, that the European community is in the habit of taking occasional holidays at home, even though it has become more of a residential community than it used to be. For these two reasons, it seems to me, the bad effects of our depressing and unhealthy summer are not allowed full influence on the vital statistics.

A local resident writes me a lengthy letter on the vexed question of the Great Unregistered. The Government is obstinately adverse to the registration of domestic servants, but, he hopes, as we all do, for its conversion. Meanwhile, however, my correspondent suggests that some improvement is desirable in regard to the licensing of chair and ricksha-coolies. The licence which the coolie obtains at a trifling expense from the Police, permits the coolie to ply for hire with a numbered ricksha or chair; but this, my correspondent points out, does not prevent the coolie from accepting any other employment that might be offered to him. Probably in eight cases out of ten the bearers of private chairs are holders of licences enabling them to ply for hire with a numbered public chair, and it not infrequently happens that considerable annoyance and inconvenience is caused to the man who regards himself as the coolie's employer. But owing to the scarcity of chairs willing to undertake this work, there is, as my correspondent says, a constant demand for chair-bearers, and employers are only too pleased to get them on whatever terms and conditions the coolies stipulate. They are certainly well paid—overpaid, but complaints of the insolence and independence of the coolies are plentiful. A coolie, however, has no right to leave his employer without notice, and I may remind my correspondent that an employer has his remedy in the police court. What my correspondent would like to see is that a licence issued to a coolie to enable him to ply for hire on the street should restrict him to that employment; if he wanted to enter private employ he should be required to take out a special licence, and no coolie should be allowed to take out both licences concurrently. Whether this suggestion thrown out is feasible without special legislative enactment I must leave for the consideration of the powers that be, but of the need and utility of some such system there can be no two opinions.

May I offer a suggestion to the P.W.D.? In Wyndham Street, just by the Police Station, there is a long point of winding road that might very nicely be cut off by a flight of steps in the same manner as the stairs leading from Queen's Road to the upper end of Battery Path. This would be a great improvement.

I see that a correspondent in your "water-front contemporary" has challenged "Englishman's" statements about the maltreatment of English sailors by the Police. Whatever be the merits of this particular case, there can be little doubt that the Police are long-suffering in dealing with European breakers of the peace. Should occasion arise they can, it is true, be very strenuous in their ways; but I have never seen a case yet in Hongkong of needless force or cruelty having been used in the arrest of offenders. If resistance is offered at home to the Police, the Magistrate generally takes the worst view of the case and passes sentence accordingly.

It is always comforting in Hongkong to reflect on the statement that "the worst smells are those that one can't smell"—worst for the health, that is to say. For certainly in Hongkong the smells that one can smell are fearful. In the past week, before the advent of the rain, they have been particularly virulent. To walk along any of our main roads, not to mention any by-roads, has been a terrible trial to anyone in the slightest degree sensitive. It would really be difficult to say that a Chinese town could be more unpleasant to the nose. I remember once walking through the streets of Canton and suddenly striking a comparatively pleasant scent after what I had been passing through. It turned out to be rising from a basket of onions being carried by a coolie in front of me. I often wish now that I had an onion with me in Queen's Road. But happily the rains will bring relief.

When the Police take over the old Bay View Hotel as a station again they will find there as a relic one of the turtles which were for several years in a small pond beside the house. There used to be two; one remains, and it seems to feel very much the loss of its companion, for it swims around the narrow sphere of its existence with untiring fins. It would almost be charity to make a dish of turtle soup out of the creature.

After turtles, let us talk about glowworms. I have heard it said that one never sees a glow-worm in Hongkong, and that the little phosphorescent lights one may occasionally see in the verdant hillsides at night are the lights of fireflies. I am not a naturalist, and so cannot dispute a statement so confidently made. If I consult a text-book it tells me merely that a glow-worm is a lampyrid beetle, as *Lampyrus noctiluca* or *L. pendulula* of Europe, the female of which is wingless, somewhat wormlike, and displays from the abdomen a green light that attracts the less phosphorescent males. It is stated too that the larvae are also luminous. In the United States the luminous larva of a firefly is called a glowworm. Perhaps some local naturalist will kindly say whether it is the American or European glowworm we have in Hongkong. The other night I saw one of the prettiest sights of the kind I have seen anywhere. In a mossy bank rising from one of the yet untrained nullahs on the hill I saw quite fifty of these little lights studding a space of about a yard square.

At low tides, when Causeway Bay and the neighbourhood of the Bowrington Canal are high-and-dry, cockle hunters have a fine time. Not satisfied with the large area laid bare they wade out knee-deep, digging and poking away with their iron hooks, or feeling for shells with claw-like hands. Great excitement is caused over a stranded jelly-fish. These poor fishing folk, if not addicted to cramp, have a healthy means of gaining a livelihood. It must be fairly profitable too, or so many Chinese would not be engaged at it.

BANYAN.

POLO.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH IN HONGKONG.

Members of the Hongkong Polo Club turned out on Saturday afternoon to watch the game Ireland v. Scotland, the final of the International Polo Cup. Shortly before the appointed hour a heavy shower of rain came down, and the state of the weather appeared so threatening that it was feared the game would have to be postponed. Things, however, cleared up shortly afterwards, and although the sun was unable to show himself through the blanket of overcast the afternoon was cool and pleasant.

The band of the 93rd Burma struck up a lively air as the eight horsemen trotted into the field. The Irish team, distinguished by their green jackets, was composed of Mr. Knox, R.N., Capt. Carleton, H.E. Mr. F. H. May, and Mr. J. Hastings. Scotland, on the other hand, was represented by Major Hamilton, Mr. J. Johnstone, Mr. Cruickshank, and Mr. Lyon, R.N. Capt. Nugent was referee.

Almost immediately after the throw-in Johnstone scored a sub for Scotland, in spite of strenuous efforts by Hastings to prevent him. Knox then got a bit of a run, but was ruled off-side. The other side, of course, had a free hit, Lyon taking it. Hamilton swept down the field hotly pursued by May and the others, finishing his run with a goal. Scotland, continuing to play an excellent game, again secured possession, Hamilton neatly passing to Cruickshank. Johnstone finally scored a goal, the second for the Northerners. From the throw-in again Cruickshank made a nice hit, but lost to May who, unfortunately, sent the ball outside. Hastings then had a bit of a canter. He lost his stick, however, by getting it caught. Johnstone quickly took advantage of the situation and scored a sub. Lyon shot a neat goal just before the half-time whistle commenced to announce that seven minutes were up.

Half-time:—Scotland, 3 goals 2 subs; Ireland, 0.

On the re-start Carleton, now on his little Burma pony, got away neatly and scored No. 1 for Ireland. Play was now so exciting that when the ponies went into double run one almost felt like getting out and keeping time with them. After some hard work May added another goal for the Greens, making the contest all the more interesting. Again the Acting Governor made a bold effort, this time Johnstone, who was following closely, managing to send the ball behind. The Scots then eluded their opponents smartly, scoring a fourth goal; honours this time fell to Cruickshank. Hastings lost to Lyon, Lyon, in turn, losing to May. Lyon hotly pursued the latter, saving splendidly. Carleton then helped Ireland to get some of their own back, shooting an excellent goal with a back-hander. A little over one minute was left for play. Johnstone closed the scoring with a fifth for his side, Scotland winning an easy victory.

Result:—Scotland, 5 goals, 2 subs—Ireland, 3 goals.

SHIPPING NOTES.

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.

The s.s. *Hedding*, from Foochow via ports, reports a very disagreeable passage. She experienced light N.W. and S.W. breezes with intervals of rain, thunder and lightning. Arrivals from other directions report fine weather as far as Gap Rock. We know all about the rest!

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Seydlitz*, left Colombo on the 28th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 8th prox.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Zieten* arrived at Shanghai on Friday, 11 p.m.

The P.M. steamer *Siberia*, with mails, &c., which left hence the 30th for San Francisco via Shanghai, &c., arrived at her destination on the 27th inst.

The C. & M. steamer *Perla* left Manila on Friday, p.m., and is due here on or about today, at daylight.

The O.E.S. & C.M. steamer *Hyson* is expected to leave Victoria (B.C.) on the 10th prox. for Hongkong via Japan.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

The annual meeting of the V.R.C. will be held in the S. Andrews' Hall, City Hall, at 6 p.m. to-day. On the present committee the name of H.E. Sir H. Blake, G.C.M.G., figures as President. This obviously will have to undergo a change. Mr. A. Chapman is Chairman, and the following names appear on the sub-committees:—Bath-house, Messrs. E. M. Hazeland, W. G. Humphreys, T. Meek; boat-house, Messrs. G. A. Caldwell, W. Armstrong, E. W. Mitchell; gymnasium, Messrs. W. S. Bailey, W. A. Craik, A. Rodger. Mr. R. H. B. Mitchell is Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. H. C. Anstey Acting Hon. Secretary. Mr. Craik, it may be mentioned, a few days ago left for home by the *Empress of Japan* on six months' leave, so he will have to be substituted. Mr. H. C. Anstey is present holder of the more or less thankless although perhaps, interesting, post of Hon. Secretary, but a certain section of the Club desire to put another gentleman into that position. The latter, they say, has been a member of the V.R.C. for about 15 years, having for a period acted as Hon. Secretary Mr. Anstey, on the other hand, is now in the position putting in hard work which takes up the most of his leisure.

The discussions ought to be interesting. As there are many matters of vital importance to the Club, which, it may be said, is about to go through the most important stage of its history, it is to be hoped that all members who are able will attend at the meeting, so that the proceedings generally speaking may be conducted wisely, and in a manner approved by the majority of members.

NEW TERRITORY NOTES.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

28th May.

AGRICULTURE.

Rain is wanted very badly. Incessant labour is required with the hand rotary pumps to keep the fields flooded. Many fields have not been planted with rice for want of water. The sweet potato-crop when raised exceeded expectations. The crop results were splendid. It was feared the long dry winter had spoiled the growth of the potatoes, but the first rains came early in the spring and worked wonders. The "Wo Suk" (a kind of bird-seed), which is grown plentifully around Shamshu and elsewhere, is now being cut. Peanuts are growing splendidly, and promise a good yield. The fruit on the liches, peach, and pear trees is now about half-grown and fruit promises to be abundant, but rain must come soon.

Cattle and pigs are exceptionally free from disease this year so far. There is excellent grass for the cattle on the hills which were burned in winter.

CROWN RENT.

The Government, after long suffering at the hands of reluctant rent-payers, has now assumed a firmer attitude. The farmers have found themselves suddenly threatened with distress warrants. The quick departure from the old lenient methods practised by the Government of late years proved in no time surprise to many, and the farmers are now paying in their rent-dues in coin mouldy with long keeping. Had the Government adopted a firm attitude at the start much trouble might have been averted.

POLICE.

Following the excellent example set by Mr. Sevecombe Smith in Hongkong, Mr. Wolfe, the Tai Po Magistrate, has introduced the stocks in the New Territory. Criminals have already been exposed in the stocks at Unlong, Santin, Sheungshui, and Tai Po. Taken as a whole the country is very quiet. Fights in some districts are frequent about the use of irrigating streams. A serious one took place the other day at Santin; as a result one man is now in hospital. Prosecutions for possession of illicit opium are frequent.

CHINESE TERRITORY.

The Chinese over the border are all of the idea that at some near date the British will take over the remainder of Sai On. This rumour (too good to be true) is raising the hopes of respectable traders over the border, but is ill received by the keepers of gambling and opium dens. Robberies are still frequent around Shamshu. A short while ago the military officer at Lin Tung went with an escort to Sa Wan Village, on the north shores of Deep Bay, to arrest some robbers. The villagers refused to deliver up the robbers, whom they themselves had arrested, and, in front of the officer's eyes, took the robbers from the village and tied them to trees, and shot them. Rumour has it that the villagers suspected the officer of endeavouring to "squeeze" from the prisoners' relatives and so frustrated his designs.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 28th at 11.29 a.m. The barometer has fallen at all stations, more particularly in the neighbourhood of the Loos and SW. Japan.

The depression referred to on the 25th has moved only slightly eastward and appears to be filling up.

The centre is indicated to the SW. of Kiasin. Gradients are very slight on the China Coast, and light variable winds and calms may be expected in the Formosa Channel, moderate S. to SW. winds in the China Sea.

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POLICE COURT.

Saturday, 28th May.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ.
(ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE.)

THE HAPPY RETREAT.

Chau Wai Chan, proprietor of the Happy Retreat Restaurant, was charged with contravention of the conditions of his eating-house licence by allowing prostitutes to remain on his premises. Supt. Kerr testified that he visited the premises on the 19th instant at 9.30 p.m. and found five Japanese women, two European women, and a Chinese woman.

Defendant contended that he had no intention of contravening the conditions of his licence. It was impossible to know what character his customers bore. If they came in and behaved in an orderly manner he could not turn them out on the mere suspicion of their being improper persons, for fear of the consequences to himself personally and the effect such an action might have upon his business. He would like guidance in the matter.

Decision was reserved.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (SECOND)
POLICE MAGISTRATE.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK SHOOTING CASE.

An Indian, Kala Singh by name, charged on the 16th inst. with maliciously wounding an apprentice painter at the Cosmopolitan Dock, by shooting him with a revolver, came up for sentence. Defendant, it will be remembered, pleaded guilty to wantonly discharging the revolver, but he said there was no malice. He had loaded the revolver, going some time later to get his pay. When he returned the Chinese apprentice said, "How do you fire it?" "Like this," answered the other, and a bullet cut the apprentice's eyelid. The injury received was not very serious. As the apprentice agreed that there was no malice, the charge was altered accordingly.

The case, when it first came before Mr. Kemp, was adjourned to know how long it would take complainant's wound to heal. His Worship imposed a fine of \$50 or two months, and \$5 compensation or 14 days.

CHINESE FUNERALS.

Many Chinese funerals at Hongkong are not only peculiar to foreigners unacquainted with things Chinese, but to new arrivals from China also. To begin with, one never sees great bamboo scaffolding leading from the street to top windows of houses at Canton, for the simple reason that dwellings in that great metropolis are inhabited by one family, whereas the modern, gigantic, as compared to the run of buildings at Canton—dwelling-houses of Hongkong are occupied by several tenants, even the flats themselves being subdivided. A deceased member of a family at Hongkong, occupying a house to themselves, would be carried out of the front door. Coffins, though, are not allowed to be carried down narrow staircases in tenement houses; they have to go out of the window. Hence these great bamboo scaffolding making an incline from the street to near the top of three and four-story houses. Last respect to the dead takes shape of weird and painfully mournful spectacles, relations of the deceased carrying their wailings to extremes. Shortly before death, when departure from this life is considered inevitable, near relations rob the dying person in burial garb; undertakers are not allowed to dress a corpse, and, as Chinese in general have a great fear of the dead, they prefer to perform as much as possible of the last respects necessitating handling the body before life is extinct. Perhaps no man on earth fears death more than the Chinaman. Sometimes on steamers, for instance, when a Chinese sailor or fireman becomes seriously ill, his shipmates fearing he will die, drag him out on deck for it is deemed that if he were allowed to die in the foetid air of the hold, his spirit would remain. When a Chinese stevedore passenger dies on board a coasting steamer, Chinamen will not touch the corpse, so the emporians have to pay the quartermasters—very often Manila-men—to do the work. To return to Hongkong, sons, wives, and unmarried daughters of deceased Chinese dress in lamboos sackcloth to attend the funeral. Married daughters and other near relations wear sackcloth of a finer kind; the former, by the way, continue in mourning for three years, the latter for one year only. Though we have two burial places at Hongkong, one at either extremity of the city, Chinese who can afford it prefer to be buried in their native country, many bodies being shipped from Hongkong to more inland places. Indeed, they are also sent to China from Australia, the United States, Straits Settlements, and many other distant places. When a coffin is awaiting shipment or burial the mourners, facing it, kneel on sackcloth-matting, wailing loudly as they repeatedly bend forward. The most coveted place for Chinese to bury their parents and ancestors is in a hill facing running water, enormous sums of money being often offered for such sites. Chinese priests make quite a trade out of finding propitious sites for burial where spirits can enjoy peace, and not worry their living relatives. Priests, it is alleged, made big "squeeze" out of landowners with whom they work in conjunction. Sometimes, even for self-gain, they advise re-burial in places they please to call more propitious sites. When the flesh has decayed, the bones are cleaned and placed in earthen jars. Chinese tombs are very often carved in picturesque design, naturally costing a deal of money.

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ALLEGED DECLINE OF CHRISTIANITY.

According to a writer in the *New York Independent* Christianity is on a decline in Europe. Frightened by the socio-industrial consequences of free-thought, an increasing section of the rich class leans toward the Church, and especially toward the Roman Catholic Church, which is regarded by all as the strongest bulwark of the capitalists' interest. The apparent clerical reaction is thus shown to be in fact a corollary of the decline of faith among the masses. But it is nevertheless true that the alliance of priest and capitalists, the coalition of spiritual and temporal power, against Socialism and free-thought, furnishes the conservative and reactionary parties with formidable means of action, and constitutes the most redoubtable threat against the immediate future of European civilisation. It is a contest between the Black International and the Red International. On the one hand are all those who hold that authority should descend from above, and who find in the Roman Catholic Church the most perfect expression of their ideal, the most inflexible guardian of their class privileges; on the other hand are those who insist that authority shall come from the people, and who, by the logic of circumstances, can find their hopes on nothing but Social Democracy.

On the one hand or the other, the fact of this coming concentration of forces about the Roman Catholic Church on the one side, the Social Democracy on the other, but none can deny that this concentration is inevitable, and that the future struggle will have to be fought out between these two armies. To those, therefore, who are interested in the social movement of Europe we say: Observe, above all else, if you wish to consider only the essential factors, the political activities of the Roman Catholic Church and those of international Socialism.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. say in their Weekly Share List dated Hongkong, 28th May:—

A fairly large business has been done during the week under review, the principal feature being a further substantial rise in Indo-China. The sterling demand rate on London closes at 1s. 1d., while there is no change to report in rates on Shanghai. Bar silver in London is quoted 25 1/2 d., and Consols 89 1/4.

BANK SHARES.—Several lots of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares sold at \$885 and \$867, and at latter rate a few are on offer; the London rate is \$86. Nationals have not undergone any change.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions are on offer at \$550. China Traders sold and are in demand at \$60. North China, as well as Yangtze, are unchanged. Cantons rose to sales at \$220, but at that rate there are sellers.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong are wanted at \$310. Chinas sold at \$85 and are now wanted at \$85 1/2.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat shares sold at \$14, \$14 1/2, \$14 1/2, and \$14 1/2, and are on offer at the latter rate. Indo-China have been doing well locally and from large business has been done; up to \$119 per cent of the week with sales at \$145 per cent of the week, but at the close there are buyers at \$150 cash with no shares offering except at an advance. Unions unaltered.

RETIREMENTS.—China Sugar shares at \$145 per cent of the week with sales at \$145 per cent of the week, but at the close there are buyers at \$150 cash with no shares offering except at an advance. Unions unaltered.

MINE SHARES.—Pujions are unchanged; the general meeting called for the 24th instant has been postponed till 1st p.m. Charbonnages have sellers at \$490 and the final dividend of 25 per share, paid in Paris on 1st March, making 55 in all for 1903, against 60 for 1902. Rauts sold in fair quantities at \$7 to \$7 1/2, closing with buyers at \$7.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares have been in good demand and sales have been effected at \$218 to \$225, and there are further buyers at the higher rate. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's shares are changed hands at \$113, \$112, \$113 and \$112 cash and end of June, but have sellers at \$112 cash; on time shares are also offering. New Amoy Dock Company's shares are quiet at \$30. Farahams have been done at 11s. 15d and close steady. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are quoted in the north at 11s. 14d sales, the negotiations for issue of new shares, passed at the extraordinary general meeting of 25th ultimo, were confirmed at the extraordinary general meeting held on 15th instant.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company's Shares changed owners at \$150, but more shares are obtainable. Kowloon Lands have improved to buyers at \$36. West P. J. J. continue in demand at \$57. Hongkong Hotels have receded to \$137 sellers. In Humphrey's Estate and Finance Company's Shares a large business has been done up to \$122 for old shares, the new shares closing with buyers at \$124, the new shares have sales and buyers at \$44. Shanghai Lands are quoted 11s. 10d in the north.

CORROD MILLS.—Green Island Cements sold at \$27 1/2 and \$27 1/2, and more shares could be placed at the higher figure. A. S. Watson's sold at \$142 to \$144, closing quiet with a few sellers at the latter rate. Old Electrics changed hands at \$137 and are wanted; the new shares can be placed at \$74. Tramway Shares fetched \$280, while Hongkong Steam Waterworks have improved to \$164. China Providents have been fixed at \$9, and Wm. Powells at \$102. China Light and Power Shares can be placed at \$54. Langkats have advanced to 11s. 31d.

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Hongkong, 30th May, 1904. [1363]

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VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

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HAROLD C. AUSTEN,
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Hongkong, 26th May, 1904. [1335]

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A LADY as MANAGERESS for a Coast Port Hotel.
For further particulars, apply to—
J. CHRISTIE,
Metropole Hotel.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1904. [133]

QUAN WAH & CO.

GRANITE MERCHANT CONTRACTORS.

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No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Estimates, Designs and Prices on Application.

All descriptions of Granite for Export.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1903. [19]

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS

EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. RUTON'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 36, Elgin Road. Price 15 cents per copy cash.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902.

NOTICES OF REMOVAL

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LD.

NOTICE.

ON and after MONDAY next, the Head Offices of the above Company will be at Kowloon (behind the godowns).

Letters will be received at Ice House Street, Ferry Wharf, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. and forwarded to Kowloon.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. [1312]

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

WILKINSON, HEYWOOD & CLARK, LD. (Proprietors of David Store & Co.) have REMOVED to ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS (3rd FLOOR).

W. D. GRAHAM, Manager.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1904. [1157]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LD.

NOTICE.

THE REGISTERED OFFICES of the above Company have this Day been REMOVED to ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, DES VŒUX ROAD, 2nd FLOOR.

J. LAWRENCE COTTER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1904. [1313]

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE REGISTERED OFFICES of the above Company have this Day been REMOVED to ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, DES VŒUX ROAD, 2nd FLOOR.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1904. [1314]

TEBRAU PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE REGISTERED OFFICES of the above Company have this Day been REMOVED to ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, DES VŒUX ROAD, 2nd FLOOR.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1904. [1315]

NOTICE.

WE have this Day REMOVED our OFFICES to ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, DES VŒUX ROAD, 2nd FLOOR.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1904. [1316]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

THE REGISTERED OFFICE of the above Company has this Day been REMOVED to ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, DES VŒUX ROAD, 2nd FLOOR.

A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1904. [1317]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY (since its registration) will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 31st May, 1904, at a quarter to eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903.

THE REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, the 25th instant, until WEDNESDAY, the 1st June, proximo (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares will be registered. And notice is further given that an Extraordinary GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place and on the same day at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or so soon afterwards as the Ordinary General Meeting shall be concluded, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed. Should the Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation at a special Resolution to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.
'That the Capital of the Company be increased to Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars by the creation of Thirty Thousand New Shares of Ten Dollars each.'

By Order, A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1904. [1319]

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

POSTPONEMENT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, 13, Boscawenfield Arcade, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st JUNE, 1904, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903, the election of Directors and Auditor, and to consider the future financial arrangements for carrying on the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. R. LOWE,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1904. [1244]

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, at NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st JUNE, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th May to the 1st June, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1904. [1285]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Lyman, on the night of the 31st May, 1904, in the direction of the entrance to Junk Bay at ranges from 600 to 2,000 yards.

If the weather is unfavorable, practice will not take place.

Practice will commence at 7.15 p.m., and finish about 9.30 p.m. If the range is clear, L. BARNES-LAWRENCE,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Master's Office,
Hongkong, 19th May, 1904. [1318]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the VALUATION LISTS for the Colony for 1904-1905 will be open to inspection at the Treasury for Twenty-one days commencing on SATURDAY, the 28th May, 1904.

By Command, A. M. THOMSON,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 21st May, 1904. [1340]

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONGKONG STEAM BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED AND REDUCED, and

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1877 and 1883.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition for confirming a resolution of the above Company for reducing its capital from \$160,000 to \$80,000 was on the 20th day of April, 1904, presented to the Supreme Court of Hongkong and is pending and that the list of creditors of the Company is to be made out as for the 18th day of June, 1904.

WILKINSON & GRIST,
Solicitors for the Company.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1904. [1350]

ZETLAND LODGE No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL on WEDNESDAY, the 1st JUNE, at 8.30 for 9 p.m., precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1904. [1360]

COMPANIA GENERAL DE TABACOS DE FILIPINAS.

FULL line of samples may be seen at 53, Des Vœux Road, where our Representative has established himself. He will accept orders for all our brands of Cigars at Factory Prices.

COMPANIA GENERAL DE TABACOS DE FILIPINAS,
Barcelona and Manila.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1904. [1054]

MAIL TABLES

FOR 1904.

Mounted on Card ... 30 cents

Paper ... 10 cents

On Sale at the Daily Press Office,
Hongkong, 5th March, 1904.

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 30th May, 1904, commencing at 2.45 P.M., at No. 6, GRANVILLE AVENUE, Kowloon, A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE FURNITURE (Particulars from Catalogue).

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

On View on day of Sale.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 27th May, 1904. [1352]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 31st May, 1904, at Noon, alongside Messrs. DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO.'S WHARF, The Screw Steamer "SZE WUI"

(Lately running between Hongkong and Kowloon, and now lying at Yau Ma Tei).

HULL—Teakwood. Built by Ngai Sui & Co., Hongkong, in 1902. Register Tonnage, Gross: 7, Nett: 7.

Length over all 115 feet. Between Perpendiculars 103 feet. Extremes breadth, 13 feet. Depth of Hold, 7 feet.

Draft with full dead weight Cargo and full Bunkers—7½ feet aft, 6½ feet forward. Two Holds and two Boats. Two Ports on either side for working Cargo. Awaiting Deck fore and aft and Bulwarks built up to top Deck.

A Hongkong Government Licence to carry 175 Passengers can be obtained.

ENGINES—Built by Ngai Sui & Co. Type—Compound Surface Condensing H.P. Cylinder 12 in. Low Pressure Cylinder 24 in. Stroke 18 in. Revolutions per minute 135.

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Built in 1902 to Board of Trade Rules for a Working Pressure of 115 lbs. per square inch.

Messrs. F. C. WILKS & Co., Engineers, have just completed a thorough overhaul and the Steamer is in Good Working Order.

TERMS:—As usual.

For Further Particulars, apply to—
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1904. [1301]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have been instructed to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 31st May, 1904, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at their Office, No. 8, Des Vœux Road Central (Corner of Ice House Street), THE VERY VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

Being Section A of Inland Lot No. 630, in One Lot.

This Lot comprises Nos. 70 and 72 First Street

Nos. 69 and 71 Second Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

The Property is held for the residue of a Term of 99 years from the 26th December, 1860, at the apportioned Annual Crown Rent of \$36.44. Area about 2,703 square feet. The property is let on monthly tenancies.

Particulars and conditions of sale may be had from the Vendors' Solicitors, Messrs. DEACON, LOCKER, & DEACON, 10, Queen's Road Central, and also of the Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1904. [1329]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st JUNE, 1904, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at their Office, No. 8, Des Vœux Road Central (Corner of Ice House Street), THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY being an undivided half share of Section A of Subsection 3 of Section B of Inland Lot No. 105. This lot comprises No. 35, Cochrane Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

The lot is held for the residue of a term of 75 years and for a further term of 924 years at the Crown Rent of \$8 and is subject to a Mortgage for \$5,500 and interest thereon at 8 per cent. per annum.

Particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the Vendors' Solicitors, Messrs. WILKINSON & GRIST, 9, Queen's Road Central, and also of the Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1904. [1343]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LD.

NOTICE.

OWNERS of Goods which were burnt in the above Company's Godown No. 9 on the 29th April last are hereby notified that all such goods, or the Debris thereof, not claimed by the 1st June, will be forthwith disposed of at their risk and expense.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1904. [1339]

MYOSHI (Late TSUEUYA) BOARDING HOUSE.

No. 34 to 38, DES VŒUX ROAD, CENTRAL.

MYOSHI YOSHIWO having taken over the above hotel hereby gives public notice that he does not hold himself responsible for any debts that may have been contracted by his predecessor.

The name of the establishment is from this date changed to the MYOSHI BOARDING HOUSE.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1904. [1338]

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY.

THE CHINAMAN GAN KANG SIOE, Trader of Samarang (Java) has revoked all Powers of Attorney given to KUNG TJONG DJEANG (also written KANG TJONG DJEANG LEANG or KANG TEONG CHANG), of Am

INTIMATIONS

THE
ROBINSON
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INVITE INSPECTION OF SOME

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THEY ARE ONLY 5 FEET LONG—
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FULL GRAND.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1904. 1640

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. 1264

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Also as Mrs. SOMERTON (the Lady of the
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ME."

(as performed by him in all parts of the World).
As the SQUAD in the truly funny interlude
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"THE AMERICAN MINSTRELS,"

New Songs, Ballads, really funny Jokes and
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"TIMOTHY PINKINS"

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Roars, Screams, Peals, Yells of Laughter for
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ROBINSON'S, where Seats may be secured.

Every door and window in the Theatre will
be opened and fans will be supplied to all free
of charge.
Popular Prices \$3, \$2 and \$1. Overture at 9 p.m.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1904. 1311

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are
prepared, during suspension of their
Trans-Pacific Service and until further notice,
to book cargo and issue Bills of Lading to
SEATTLE, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and
PACIFIC COAST PORTS, also to OVER-
LAND POINTS in the UNITED STATES
and CANADA in connection with the GREAT
NORTHERN RAILWAY from SEATTLE,
as hitherto, by the steamers of the NORTHERN
PACIFIC S.S. CO., EASTON STEAMSHIP
CO., TOWHEAT CO'S OCEAN S.S. CO.,
and CHINA MUTUAL S.N. CO.

For Further Particulars, apply at the
Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's
Building, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. 1299

TONG CHONG & CO.

No. 88, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Manufacturers of Hand-made Pure
HAVANA CIGARS AND CIGARETTES.
They are made of best Havana leaves and
possess a mild and choice flavour.
Inspection courteously invited.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1904. 1337

INSURANCES

THE
WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF
TORONTO AND LONDON.
INCORPORATED A.D. 1851.

MARINE BRANCH.

THE undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above are prepared to
accept risks at current rates.

ALEX. ROSS & CO.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1904. 1121

THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to accept RISKS at current rates.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1903. 12169

UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company are
prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current
rates.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. 105

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE IN-
SURANCE CO.
OF AIX-LE-CHAPPEL.

THE undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at
Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 109

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

THE undersigned are now prepared to
GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE
against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1897. 19

NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO.

FIRE and LIFE.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

THE undersigned are prepared to accept
First Class Foreign and Chinese RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.

Also to accept proposals for LIFE ASSUR-
ANCE. Prospectuses on application.

TURNER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. 167

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1902,

£16,378,771.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£3,000,000 0 0

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....2,750,000 0 0

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....682,500 0 0

II. FUND FUNDS.....2,897,215 11 0

The undersigned AGENTS for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. 1888

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT
FOR 1903.

The report of Dr. W. W. PEARCE, Acting
Medical Officer of Health, for 1903 is published
in the *Gazette*. We make the following
extracts:—

The geographical situation of the Colony
just within the northern tropic (N. 22 deg. 5 min.)
and its relation to the mainland of the southern
part of the Chinese Empire, the annual cycle of
meteorological phenomena, the configuration of
the island of Hongkong and its geological forma-
tion, all combine to produce a state of things
which, summed up under the word Climate,
must have directly a great, though perhaps a
not easily perceptible, effect on the health of
the inhabitants.

Although Hongkong is an island, yet its
proximity to the mainland modifies the solar
climate considerably. The range of tempera-
ture throughout the year is considerable,
yet it is not so great as is found to be the case
in places not very far inland in the Kwang-
tung Province. The effect of the ocean is
seen in that the highest monthly mean was only
82 F., while the effect of the proximity of the
mainland of South China is felt in the compara-
tively low temperatures in the first two months
of the year, when the mean temperatures were
58.3 and 58.4 respectively. The highest rise of
the thermometer therefore in the hot season is
small when compared with that which occurs in
Calcutta, which is in about the same latitude,
and the cool bright days of the cold season are
considering the low latitude of the Colony, a
wonderful advantage from a climatic point
of view.

There is no doubt, however, that the condition
of the atmosphere in the City of Victoria is dur-
ing the summer months very depressing. This
is due to a great extent to the high percentage
of moisture in the air at the same time when the
temperature is high. But there are, in my opin-
ion, other factors to be considered. The position
of the City of Victoria on the northern side
of the Island and at the foot of high hills cuts
it off to a great extent from the influence of the
prevailing winds of the hot season, and moreover
the crowding together of the houses owing to
the steepness of the site of the City and the lack
of room for expansion, the resulting narrow
streets, high buildings, and the heavy verandahs
to the houses, all tend to produce a condition
of stagnation in the atmosphere of the City during
the time when free ventilation is most desirable.

The configuration of the ground upon which
the City of Victoria is built is undoubtedly a
great factor in the sanitary condition of the
Colony. The steepness of the hills has rendered
it necessary to cut deeply into the hillsides when
preparing sites for houses, with the result that
in the City dark and unhealthy basements
abound. In some cases two floors are completely
below the level of the ground on one side.

The nature of the rock or soil on which the
City is built is also unfavourable. This geo-
logical formation of disintegrated granite or
laterite has long been considered unhealthy.
In former years, before the discovery of the
relation of the mosquito to malarial fever, the
laterite of Hongkong was considered to be
essentially a malaria-producing soil. But apart
from this it is easy to see how this soil may play
its part as a factor in the sanitary condition of
the Colony. This gravelly soil must contain a
great quantity of water. This can be seen to be
a fact inasmuch as there are springs or
sources of water in the City which even during
the longest droughts do not dry up. As a
consequence the soil below the ground floor of
houses and frequently the basements of houses
themselves are more or less damp.

These matters have of course long been
recognised and legislated for, but in actual
practice I think that there is much to be desired.
There appears to be great difficulty in obtaining,
for example, lime concrete of a good enough
quality to render a ground floor dry and
impervious, and I am of the opinion that,
wherever it is desired to lay down a ground
surface which is to be impervious, good cement
concrete should be insisted on in lieu of the
lime concrete at present accepted as sufficient
by the law.

[Here follow some remarks, with tables, con-
cerning the connection between the state of
the weather and the seasonal recurrence of
plague. Unfortunately it is impossible to
reproduce them in brief.]

RAINFALL AND WATER SUPPLY.

The annual scarcity of water is a matter of
the greatest hygienic importance, inasmuch as
the people are frequently driven to obtain water
from most undesirable sources. Were the
system of water service designed *ab initio* for
an intermittent supply careful supervision could
eliminate many dangers, but unfortunately we
have in Hongkong that most dangerous com-
bination—a system designed for constant service
with an intermittent supply during several

months of each year. I have before, in a report
on cholera at the Tung Wah Hospital 1902,
pointed out the dangers of the ball valves in the
street hydrants, and how they may be the means
of entrance of specific infective material, and
should unfortunately a water-borne disease, e.g.
cholera, break out in the City during our time
of intermittent supply there would be many
chances of the disease assuming epidemic
proportions.

GENERAL SANITARY CONDITION OF THE CITY.

Although comparatively few buildings have
as yet been erected under the provisions of the
Public Health and Buildings Ordinances, yet
such buildings as have been put up show a
marked improvement in the matter of open
spaces about them when compared with old
buildings. When a new building is erected on
the site of an old building in a row of houses the
shape of the old site does not afford sufficient
opportunity to build a house of quite a new type.
What is required in Hongkong is a new type of
Chinese house, and this will surely not be ob-
tained unless houses can be re-built in blocks so
that the frontage of houses and consequently
the available window area may be much wider
for the depth of the houses than at present.

In Hongkong little or no attention has been
paid to the necessity of adapting houses to the
requirements of the community, and therefore
the working classes have had to adapt them-
selves to existing houses. This has resulted in
the present insanitary condition of the houses
of the working classes of Chinese.

In Great Britain much has been done lately
to provide houses for the working classes;
affording the tenants the necessary privacy and
independence and at the same time adequate
lighting, ventilation, and other sanitary require-
ments. It should not be difficult to model some
scheme to effect this in Hongkong taking into
consideration the local conditions and adapting
the scheme to the place. This I fear cannot be
effected merely by the re-building of houses one
by one on their old sites, but only by concerted
action.

During the year special attention has been
paid to the enforcement of the domestic cleanli-
ness bye-laws. The standard of thoroughness
for the six-monthly line-washing of tenement
houses has been considerably raised, though not
without much difficulty and opposition at first.

GENERAL CLEANING OF THE CITY.

On November 10th there was begun a general
cleaning of the buildings throughout the City
of Victoria and Kowloon. The scheme was as
follows:—The Sanitary Inspectors of the
Plague Staff were to have served on each
separately let floor a notice requiring the
tenants to cleanse the floor on the third day
from the date of service. Failure to comply
with the notice would result in the floor being
cleaned by the coolies employed by the Board.

On the morning of the day mentioned for
compliance with the notice the Sanitary In-
spector assisted by a Foreman would visit the
houses to be cleansed on that day, and would
supervise the work. Soft soap ready dissolved
in hot water would be issued to the people free
of cost. Any floors found clean would be
exempted from further washing. Empty floors
found dirty would be cleansed by coolies under
the direction of the Sanitary Inspector. The
scheme proved very successful. With surpris-
ing willingness the people set to and cleansed
their houses, with the result that up to the end
of the year 18,983 floors were cleansed and up
to the date of the last weekly return (January
23rd, 1904), 23,784 floors. That such a general
cleaning is really required is shown by the great
quantity of domestic rubbish daily carted away
from the houses being cleansed. It has been
estimated that about 3 tons of rubbish has
been removed daily in this way since the clean-
ing began.

OPEN SPACES.

A small resumption of built over land has
been made in No. 6 Health District by which
Lower Lascar Row has been continued to U
Hing Lane. The resumption included four
houses and small portions of two others, but a
considerable improvement has thereby been
effected providing a good open space between
the backs of houses in Queen's Road Central
and Circular Pathway. The large plot of land
between Tai-ping-shan Street and Po Hing Fong
between Square Street on the East and the
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Swatow and Bangkok	Elizabeth Rickmers	Monday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok	Deacon	Monday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Hengshan	Monday, 30th, 2.15 P.M.
Swatow, Chefoo, and Tientsin	Esang	Monday, 30th, 4.00 P.M.
Amoy and Manila	Perla	Monday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Kongkong, Kanchuk and Samsui	Tak Hing	Monday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Namtu	Taiwan	Monday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Samsui	Hoi Fu	Monday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchai	Monday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Fatsien	Monday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Powen	Tuesday, 31st, 7.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Pechow	Huiching	Tuesday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.

Europe, &c., India via Taticoria. (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)
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Straits and Calcutta. Kumsang. Tuesday, 31st, 2.00 P.M.
Yucatan. Tuesday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Canton. Tuesday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Canton. Wednesday, 1 June, 7.30 A.M.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, and VANCOUVER (B.C.).
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

Manila. Tuesday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Canton. Tuesday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Canton. Tuesday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
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AMOI, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO.
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TO-DAY.

Sale, Household Furniture, 6, Granville Avenue, Mr. Geo. P. Lammert, 2.30 p.m.
Annual General Meeting of Victoria Recreation Club, St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, 6 p.m.
TO-MORROW.
Annual Ordinary General Meeting of A. S. Watson Co., Ltd., 10.45 a.m.
Sale, 82, Wai, Douglas Laiprak & Co.'s, Wharf, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, noon.
Sale, Household Property, Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 3 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.	28th May.
Telegraphic Transfer	1.92
Bank Bills, on demand	1.92
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1.92
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1.92
Credits, at 4 months sight	1.92
Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight	1.92
ON PARIS.	28th May.
Bank Bills, on demand	226
Credits, at 4 months sight	226
ON GERMANY.	28th May.
Bank Bills, on demand	183
Credits, at 4 months sight	183
ON NEW YORK.	28th May.
Bank Bills, on demand	432
Credits, at 60 days sight	441
ON BOMBAY.	28th May.
Telegraphic Transfer	134
Bank, on demand	134
ON CALCUTTA.	28th May.
Telegraphic Transfer	134
Bank, on demand	134
ON SHANGHAI.	28th May.
Bank, at sight	72
Private, 30 days sight	72
ON YOKOHAMA.	28th May.
On demand	88
ON MANILA.	28th May.
On demand	Nominal
ON SINGAPORE.	28th May.
On demand	Nominal
ON BATAVIA.	28th May.
On demand	107
ON HAIPHONG.	28th May.
On demand	24 p.c. pm.
ON SAIGON.	28th May.
On demand	2 p.c. pm.
ON BANGKOK.	28th May.
On demand	63
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11
GOLD LEAN, 100 per cent	\$57.50
BAR SILVER, per oz.	251

OPIUM.

Quotations are:—	Allowance net to 1 catty.
Malwa New	\$1010 to \$1080 per picul
Malwa Old	\$1100 to \$1140
Malwa Older	\$1230 to \$1240
Malwa V. Old	\$1230 to \$1250
Person fine quality	\$1230
Patna New	\$1260 to — per ch. st.
Patna Old	\$1260 to —
Poonas New	\$1230 to —
Poonas Old	\$1230 to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China steamer *Lingang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 21st inst., and may be expected here on the 6th prox.
THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Imperial German mail steamer *Oldenburg* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Thursday, the 26th inst., and may be expected here on Friday, the 3rd prox., a.m.
The Imperial German mail steamer *Seydlitz* left Colombo on the 28th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 8th prox.
THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P.M. steamer *Mongolia*, from San Francisco to the 7th inst., via Honolulu, &c., left Yokohama for this port on the 30th inst., a.m., via Inland Sea, &c.
The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver on Tuesday, the 24th inst., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The C. & M. steamer *Perla* left Manila on Friday, p.m., and is due here to-day, at daylight.
The C.N. steamer *Chihli*, from Tientsin, left

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 28th May.

COMPANY	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS.
Bank—		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	100/10, sellers
Nat'l Bank of China	48	38, buyers
A. Shares	28	32, buyers
B. Shares	21	40, buyers
Foun. Shares	41	40, sellers
Bank of Communications	10	37, nominal
China Bank	12	37, so lots
China Light and	10	35
Power Co., Ltd.	10	35
China Prov. L. & M.	10	35, buyers
China Sugar	100	160, buyers
Cigar Companies—		
Shanghai, Ltd.	500	200
Philippine	1	93, sellers
Cotton Mills—		
Ever	115	50, Th. 33, sellers
International	115	75, Th. 25
Laun Kung Mow	115	100, Th. 32
Boycott	115	170
Hongkong	50	144, sellers
Dairy Farm	49	144, buyers
Funvic & Co., Ltd.	25	24, sellers
Green Island Cement	10	27, buyers
Hongkong & C. Co.	10	160
Hongkong Electric	10	133, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways	10	133, buyers
Ind. Steam Water	10	163, buyers
Ind. Co., Ltd.	10	163, buyers
Hongkong Hotel	10	137, sellers
Hongkong Ice	10	124, buyers
H. & K. Wharf & G.	10	112, sellers
Hongkong Rope	10	140, sellers
U. & W. Dock	10	116, buyers
Insurance—		
Canton	50	220, sellers
China Fire	10	145, buyers
China Trade	10	90, buyers
Hongkong Fire	10	130, buyers
North China	10	15, sale
Union	10	150, sellers
Yangtze	10	130
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	10	150, sale
Humphreys & E.	10	124, buyers
Kowloon Land & B.	10	134, buyers
West Point Building	10	167, buyers
Shanghai Land	10	110
Luzon Sugar	10	9, sellers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	10	450, ex div.
Punjab	10	10, sellers
Do. Preference	10	25, buyers
Rauha	10	17, buyers
New Amoy Dock	10	104, sellers
Kowloon, Ltd.	10	104
Steamship Coy.	10	122, buyers
China and Manila	10	135, sale & buyers
Douglas Steamship	10	131, sellers
H. Canton and M.	10	131
Indo-China S. N.	10	131
Szechuan Transport	10	20
Tramway Co., Ltd.	10	20
Do. Preference	10	20
Star Ferry	10	122, buyers
S.C.F. Ryd & Co., Ltd.	10	150, sales
S. & H. Dyeing & C.	10	50
Co., Ltd.	10	50
Tobacco Planting Co.	10	31, sale
United Asbestos	10	107, buyers
Do.	10	120, buyers
Watkins, Ltd.	10	174, buyers
Watson & Co., Ltd.	10	144, sellers

VERNON & SMYTH, Brokers.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.	NIGHT CASES.
7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.	1.45 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.	8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.	9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.	10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.	11.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	4.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
4.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	5.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
6.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.
8.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Every 10 minutes.	

EXTRA CARS AT 11.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1904.

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Hongkong, 29th March, 1904.

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Hongkong, 4th May, 1904.

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